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- OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWSAGENCY (AZAP) AGUST 16-18 CARRIED FOLLOWING ITEMS ON ANGOLA:
- 2. UNITE PRESIDENT SAVIMBI STOPPED BRIEFLY AT KINSHASA AUGUST 15, MET MOBUTU, BRIEFED HIM ON VISIT TO ACCRA. ASKED BY REPORTER HIS OPINION ON PORTUGUESE ASSUMPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY IN ANGOLA, SAIMBI REFUSED COMMENT, OTHER THAN TO SAY HE WANTED TO SEE HOW THE SITUATION LOOKED ON THE GROUND.
- 3. AT PRESS CONFERENCE IN KINSHASA AUGUST 16, FNLA'S JOHNY EDUARDO PINOCK CHARGED THAT PORTUGUESE REVOCATION OF TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WAS VILATION OF ALVOR ACCORD. AT SAME TIME HE ANOUNCED HIS INTENTION AS TG PRIME MINISTER, TO CALL MEETING OF COUNCIL UNCLASSIFIED

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OF MINISTERS AT A PLACE TO BE NAMED LATER. NOTING THAT LIBERATION

MOVEMENTS WERE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO GIVE PORTUGAL THE 3 SEATS IN TG, PINOCK POINTED OUT THAT FAILURE OF TG MINISTERS TO MEET WAS CAUSED BY INSECURE SITUATION IN LUANDA. IN THIS CONNECTION HE DEPLORED MACEDO'S DECISIN TO EVACUATE THE MINISTERIAL BODYGURADS WHICH FORCED FNLA MINISTERS TO LEAVE. IN ADDITION, HE REJECT PROPOSED DEMILITARIZATION OF LUANDA BECAUSE PORTUGUESE DID NOT HAVE MEANS OR WILL TO ENFORCE IT. PINOCK ALSO DEPLORED MACEDO APPINT-MENT AS HEAD OF HIGH COMMISSION BECUSE LETTER SERVED INTERESTS OF MPLA AND ITS FRIEDS. REVERTING BAKCK TO LUANDA, PINOCK SAID FNLA WAS PROPOSING FINAL ASSAULT ON CITY AND HE EXPRESSED HOPE THERE WOULD BE NO PORTUGUESE OPPOSITION SINCE THIS WOULD MEANT "TOTAL WAR". REPLYING TO QUESTION RE. POSSIBLE MPLA UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, PINOCK SAID MPLA CONTROLS ONLY LUANDA, WHICH IS NOT ANGOLA; THAT FNLA CONTROLS ALMOST WHOLE OF COUNTRY. SAID FNLA HAS DECIDED TO TAKE LUANDA AND IS NOW PREPARING FINAL ASSAULT. INDICATED THAT ON AUGUST 15 HE HAD RECEIVED PORTUGUESE CONSUL TO ZAIRE WHOSE MISSION IT WAS TO ASCERTAIN FNLA'S RESPONSE TO HIS GOVERNMENT'S BRAZEN PRESUMPTION PINOCK CONCLUDED BY DENOUNCING MOUNTING SERIES OF PORTUGUESE MANEUVERS AND LAUNCHED APPEAL TO ALL ANGOLANS.

4. FNLA COMMUNIQUE ISSUED KINSHASA AUGUST 17 BLAMED GERAL MACEDO AND PORTUGUESE TROOPS FOR INACTION WHEN MPLA ELEMENTS CARRIED OUT "DARING AND CRIMINAL KIDNAPPING" AUGUST 15 OF MATEUS NETO, FNAL MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE IN TRENSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. ALSO BLAMED MACEDO FOR ORDERING EVACUATION FROM LUANDA OF FORCES WHICH WOULD HAVE ASSURED PROTECTION OF FNLA MINISTERS. COMMUNIQUE SAID MATEUS NETO WAS ENROUTE TO AMBRIZ TO MEET HOLDEN WHEN HE AND HIS SECRETARY WERE KIDNAPPED BY SIX ARMED MEN IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES. COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDE WITH WARNING FNLA WILL HIT THOSE RESPONSIBLE AND THEIR ACCOMPLICES UNLESS NETO IS RELEASED IMMEDIATELY

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